(c) if so, what has been the reaction of the Commission;

(d) whether the matter has been referred to the Attorney General; and

(e) whether the Attorney General has since given his views?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI HANS RAJ BHARDWAJ): (a) The Commission has received representations from some political parties, organisations and individuals that if the 1966 electoral rolls are used for the roll revision in Assam, a large number of people would be required to prove their citizenship credentials.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) As the issue raised involves policy decisions regarding the intention and purport of the Assam Accord and other statutory provisions, the Commission considered it necessary to seek clarifications from Government.

(d) and (e) Yes, Sir.

News-item N-Plant winding up world-wide

2212. SHRI P. N. SUKUL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a newsitem which appeared in the 'Hindustan Times' dated September 9, 1988 "N-Plant winding up world-wide while India is commissioning a new Atomic Plant at Narora";

(b) if so, reaction of the Government to the same; and

(c) whether the cost factor involved in the production of atomic energy is being considered by Government in going in for new Atomic Power plants in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Trend of curtailing or reduced ordering of nuclear power plants in some countries is mainly due to saturation of requirements and availability of other energy resources.

(c) Yes, Sir.

Launching of a Man into Space by India

2213. PROF. CHANDRESH P. THAKUR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of a book published by its Publication Division in which the ISRO Chairman Dr. U. R. Rao has been quoted as stating that India would attain the capacity of launching a man into space by 1990;

(b) whether Government propose to take up the project for sending a man into space during the next decade; and

(c) if so, what is Government's policy for space research programme for the next ten years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R NARAYANAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) At present, there is no specific proposal for sending a man to space from a national range in India or for conduct of a manned flight as a joint venture with any other country.

(c) The policy for Indian space programme for the next decade is to provide continuous, enhanced operational services on an assured basis, in telecommunication, broadcasting, meteorology and resources management, using indigenously developed satellites and their payloads as well

as developing the capability to launch these satellites. The major thrust for the space programme for the 90's will be towards utilisation of space technology to its full potential for several applications of importance to national development. A self-reliant integrated programme with maximum utilisation of industrial infrastructure in the country is planned.

Export of Defence Equipment

2214. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India is considering export of defence equipment to the neighbouring countries;

(b) if so, whether there is any proposal in this regard has been under Government's consideration;

(c) if so, the number of countries which have requested India for supply of such defence equipment; and

(d) whether any agreement in this regard has been reached with these countries and if so, the details of the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI): (a) such requests can be considered.

(b) to (d) It will not be in public interest to disclose details.

Recommendations made by the Public Enterprises Selection Board for Selection of officers

2215. SARDAR JAGJIT SINGH AURORA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Public Enterprises Selection Board for the selection of officers of the level of directors of the Boards of Directors of the industrial institutions being run in the public sector, has made some recommendations to the Government;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether Government had made appointments on the basis of these recommendations; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (d) The Public Enterprises Selection Board (PESB) was reconstituted in March, 1987. The PESB is a recommendatory body. According to the information available the PESB made 202 recommendations during the period from April, 1987 to October, 1988 for filling up of posts at Board level positions in Public Sector Enterprises. It may be mentioned in this context that wherever the PESB had made recommendation twice for the same post during the period in question, the recommendation, which has been accepted by the Government, has been included. Based on these recommendations, appointments to 152 posts have been made by the Govt. Out of the remaining recommendations, 2 have not been accepted by the Government. In 4 cases the posts have been kept in abeyance and as such the recommendations of the PESB have not yet been finally considered. The remaining recommendations of the PESB are under process at various stages in accordance with the prescribed procedure.

गाजियाबाद में केन्द्रीय सरकार स्वास्थ्य योजना का औषधालय

2216. **कुमारी सुशीला तिरिया :** क्या स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि गाजियाबाद में केंद्रीय सरकार स्वास्थ्य योजना का मात्र एक औषधालय है;

(ख) इसके अंतर्गत आने वाले क्षेत्रों के नाम क्या हैं;